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Title: HOLOGRAPHIC STORAGE MEDIUM COMPRISING
POLYFUNCTIONAL EPOXY MONOMERS CAPABLE OF
UNDERGOING CATIONIC POLYMERIZATION

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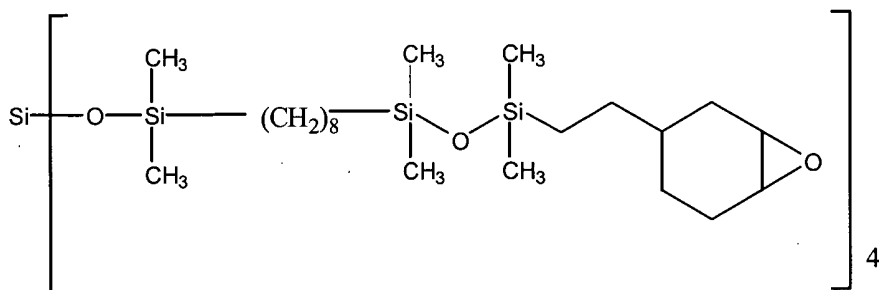
REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed on July 16, 2003, the claims of Group I (Claims 1-11), drawn to a product described as a "branched silicon compound," are elected for prosecution. Applicants further request that Claims 23-33 be also examined. Claims 23-33 recite the compounds of Claims 1-12 and therefore will impose no additional search burden. As pointed out by the Examiner, Claims 23-33 are related to the claims of Group I (Office Action, page 2, section 3). Applicants reserve the right to file a continuing application or take such other appropriate action as deemed necessary to protect the non-elected inventions. Applicants do not hereby abandon or waive any rights in the non-elected inventions.

Responsive to the requirement for an election of species for searching purposes, Applicants hereby elect the compound of Structural Formula (XXII), alone:

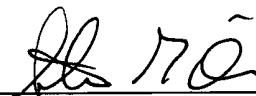


Claims readable on the elected species are Claims 1-6 and Claims 23-28.

An extension of time to respond to the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested. A Petition for an Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently.

Respectfully submitted,

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